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HOUSE BILL 279

46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2003

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AN ACT

RELATING TO CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRIES LICENSING; CHANGING THE
REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRICAL CERTIFICATES OF COMPETENCE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. Section 60-13-38 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1967,
Chapter 199, Section 41, as amended) is amended to read:

"60-13-38. CERTIFICATES OF COMPETENCE-- EXAMINATION--
JOURNEYMEN. --

A. [~~No individual~~] A person shall not engage in the
occupation or trade of journeyman unless he holds a certificate
of competence issued by the division for the occupation or
trade in which he desires to engage.

B. The [~~division shall issue~~] categories for
certificates of competence [~~for~~] are: journeyman
[~~electricians~~] electrician, journeyman [~~plumbers~~] plumber,

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1 journeyman gas ~~[fitters]~~ fitter, journeyman pipe ~~[fitters]~~
2 fitter, journeyman sheet metal ~~[workers]~~ worker, journeyman
3 boiler ~~[operators]~~ operator, residential wireman and journeyman
4 ~~[welders]~~ welder working on pipelines, collection lines or
5 compressor stations.

6 C. An applicant for a certificate of competence
7 shall ~~[pass]~~ be required to take an examination approved and
8 adopted by the division as to his knowledge of the orders and
9 rules ~~[and regulations]~~ governing the occupation or trade for
10 which a certificate is sought, and ~~[he shall also be examined]~~
11 as to his technical knowledge and ability pertaining to his
12 particular trade. The examination may be oral, written or
13 demonstrative or any combination thereof, as required by
14 ~~[regulations]~~ rules of the commission ~~[provided that]~~.

15 D. The division shall issue a certificate of
16 competence to any journeyman welder working on pipelines,
17 collection lines or compressor stations who shows evidence of
18 having satisfactorily completed an examination administered by
19 an independent testing organization or public utility employing
20 engineers registered with the state, such examination meeting
21 the minimum pipeline safety standards set by the ~~[state~~
22 ~~corporation]~~ public regulation commission.

23 ~~[D.]~~ E. Applications for certificates of competence
24 shall be in the form and shall contain such information and
25 attachments as the division prescribes.

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1 ~~[E.]~~ F. The division shall establish a reasonable
2 fee for any examination or issuance of certificate of
3 competence.

4 ~~[F.]~~ G. ~~[No individual]~~ A person is not eligible to
5 take an examination for a certificate of competence unless he
6 has had two years' experience in the occupation or trade for
7 which a certificate of competence is sought, or the equivalent
8 thereof as determined by the commission, or has successfully
9 completed a course in the trade approved by the vocational
10 education division of the state department of public education.

11 H. Employment of an apprentice working under the
12 direct supervision of a certified journeyman is not prohibited
13 by the Construction Industries Licensing Act.

14 I. A person is eligible to take an examination for
15 a journeyman electrician certificate of competence after at
16 least:

17 (1) four years of accredited training in the
18 electrical trade;

19 (2) four years of apprenticeship in the
20 electrical trade; or

21 (3) four years of practical experience in the
22 electrical trade, of which two years are in the commercial
23 trade, industrial trade or the equivalent as determined by the
24 commission.

25 J. Continuing education requirements for a

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1 journeyman electrician shall include at least sixteen hours of
2 continuing education in every three-year period between
3 national electrical code updates, of which eight hours are code
4 change instructions and eight hours are other industry-related
5 instruction. All continuing education curricula and
6 instructors shall be approved by the commission based on
7 recommendations by the electrical bureau. Proof of completion
8 of the continuing education requirements shall be submitted to
9 the division with the application for renewal of certificate of
10 competence. Failure to submit the proof of completion shall
11 constitute grounds for suspension of certificate of competence
12 until proof has been submitted. The continuing education
13 requirements in this subsection shall not apply to specialty
14 electricians.

15 K. A person is eligible to take an examination for
16 a residential wireman's certificate of competence after at
17 least:

18 (1) two years of accredited training or
19 apprenticeship in the electrical trade; or

20 (2) two years of practical experience in
21 wiring residential dwellings."